

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 225

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Joanna Collins, 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Joanna Collins, who was recently recognized as one of the members of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, presented by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee chapter selects thirty individuals for its class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins currently serves as a staff attorney for the Tennessee State Board of Education, prosecuting educator misconduct, advising the Board on legal matters, and providing resources to educators, school systems, and parents; and

WHEREAS, a professional of the highest caliber, Joanna Collins is passionate about advocating for student welfare, and works every day to ensure that Tennessee's schools are safe and supportive learning environments. Ms. Collins first became interested in child welfare issues while working as an intern at the Metropolitan Nashville Juvenile Public Defender's Office in 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins attended the University of Notre Dame in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and American studies. She graduated *cum laude* in 2008, and during her years at Notre Dame, she participated in the Scholars' Seminar on Human Rights

and Globalization, volunteered at the South Bend Center for the Homeless, earned placement on the Dean's List five times, and garnered recognition as a Notre Dame Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Collins attended Vanderbilt University School of Law, where she earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 2013. No stranger to awards and accolades, she was named a John W. Wade Scholar, published a paper entitled "User-Friendly Licensing for a User-Generated World: The Future of the Video Content Market," served as the senior development editor for the *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology*, as the secretary of the Vanderbilt Animal Law Society, as the president of the Vanderbilt Alternative Dispute Resolution Organization, and as a member of Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins is an active member of the nonprofit organization NeedLink, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the Tennessee Joint Task Force on Children's Justice, and the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, for which she stood as a member of the organizing committee for the 2014 Arts Immersion Benefit; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the individuals of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joanna Collins on being named a member of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.